



**FOR THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY OF RIVERS ALLIANCE OF CONNECTICUT
March 15, 2019**

S.B. No. 1010. AAC THE DISCLOSURE OF DAMS AND SIMILAR STRUCTURES BY OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY.

Support

To: Chairmen Sen. Steve Cassano and Rep. Cristin Vahey McCarthy
And Honorable Members of the Committee:

Rivers Alliance of Connecticut is a statewide, non-profit coalition of river organizations, individuals, and businesses formed to protect Connecticut's waters by promoting sound water policies, uniting and strengthening the state's many river groups, and providing education on water stewardship.

Rivers Alliance supports this bill, although we are painfully aware that many dam owners are already burdened with unexpected, steep costs; and this bill adds a little more paperwork. On the other hand, anyone buying a property should be aware if it includes a dam and what the costs may be. Information on town records is important to conservation commissions, wetlands and water courses commissions, and planners and others working on the town Plan of Conservation and Development.

Thank you for your attention and work.

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